

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: William D. Huse  
Serial No.: 09/982,464  
Filed: 10/18/2001  
Entitled: **Methods of Optimizing Antibody Variable Region Binding Affinity**  
Group No.: 1642  
Examiner: L. Helms

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME



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Applicant hereby petitions for a two month extension of time to answer the outstanding Final Office Action mailed October 30, 2003 regarding the above-identified patent application. Please find a check enclosed in the amount of \$1,190.00 to cover the extension fee for filing a Response within the second month and the filing of a Request for Continued Examination.

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